COMPARATIVE LITERATURE, B.A.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: University Park

Program Learning Objectives

• Identify formal and aesthetic aspects of literary texts—including genre, period, style, theme, language, and narrative structure—as they emerge within global patterns of production, translation, or circulation.

• Analyze literary texts and other artistic media through close readings within a comparative or global context.

• Utilize library and digital resources to locate, access, and assess relevant research materials.

• Compare literary texts from different cultures, regions, languages, time periods, and genres with special attention to the benefits and challenges of the comparative method.

• Produce written arguments that advance a compelling rhetorical or theoretical position through analysis of textual evidence, a strong thesis statement, and a sophisticated understanding of how to read global literatures.